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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 24 February 2000 (24.02.00)	Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No. PCT/US99/11500	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 May 1998 (28.05.98)
International filing date (day/month/year) 25 May 1999 (25.05.99)	Applicant AGGARWAL, Lalit, K.

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
20 December 1999 (20.12.99)

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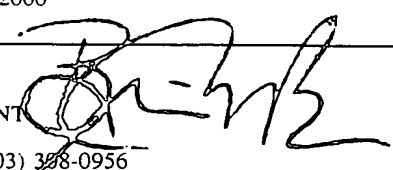
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference NONE	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US99/11500	International filing date (day/month/year) 25 MAY 1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 MAY 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(6): G01N 21/00,21/48 and US Cl.: 356/30,31		
Applicant AGGARWAL, LALIT K.		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>8</u> sheets.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p>
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>

Date of submission of the demand 20 DECEMBER 1999	Date of completion of this report 11 FEBRUARY 2000
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/11500

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-29 , as originally filed.
 pages NONE , filed with the demand.
 pages NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
 pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1-29 , as originally filed.
 Nos. NONE , as amended under Article 19.
 Nos. NONE , filed with the demand.
 Nos. NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
 Nos. _____ , filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ 1-12 , as originally filed.
 sheets/~~fig~~ NONE , filed with the demand.
 sheets/~~fig~~ NONE , filed with the letter of _____.
 sheets/~~fig~~ _____ , filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE .
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE .
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE .

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-29</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-29 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest all the elements of the apparatus as presently claimed, wherein it comprises means for displacing the platform in the housing along a processing axis that is perpendicular to the focal axis of the electronic camera.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE